

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
FINANCE  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5270

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CUT IN STRENGTH OF GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES

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**Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the Government have every now and then been harping on reducing the Government expenditure and have issued a number of circulars in this regard including cut in the strength of the Government employees at all levels;

(b) whether instead of bringing down the size of strength of employees, including those of Joint Secretaries, the strength has been adding by no less than 81,000 more to its rolls during this fiscal year; and

(c) the reasons for increase in the strength of Government employees than bringing them down?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE

(SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL)

(a),(b)&(c): As part of the austerity measures undertaken by the Government, an exercise to reduce posts by 10% was initiated in 1992 in pursuance of an announcement made by the then Prime Minister in the NDC. According to the information available in this Ministry, so far around 1.60 lakh posts have been abolished in various Ministries/Departments, including 130 posts at the level of JS. The estimated increase of 81,000 in the staff strength in the Central Govt. pertains to the year 1999-2000. During this fiscal year (2000-2001), the estimated increase is 28,883 and not 81,000. This is only indicative and not actual increase. The actual strength as on 1.3.98 was 37,86,865, whereas the same as on 1.3.99 was 37,45,664, showing a net reduction of 41,201 and not increase in the strength.